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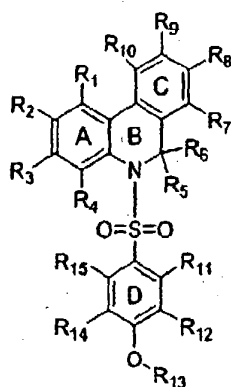
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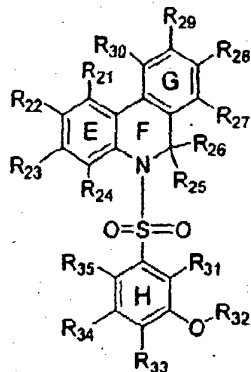
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**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A compound of formulae (I) or (II) having the structure



(I)



(II)

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*make 11-14  
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depend on  
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wherein

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub>, R<sub>10</sub>, R<sub>11</sub>, R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, and R<sub>15</sub> are each, independently, hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>-, -N(R)<sub>2</sub>-, -NR-C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, cyano, nitro, halogen, -OR-, -SR-, -SO<sub>3</sub>R-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>-, -C(O)R-, -C(R)=N-OR-, -C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, -CO<sub>2</sub>R-, -OC(O)R-, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or are taken together with either R<sub>p+1</sub> or R<sub>p-1</sub> linked with an -alkylene-, or -X-alkylene- group;

R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, -CR(O)-, -CO<sub>2</sub>R-, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or R<sub>5</sub> may be taken together with either R<sub>6</sub> or R<sub>7</sub> and linked with an -alkylene- or -X-alkylene- group;

R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, -CR(O)-, -CO<sub>2</sub>R-, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or R<sub>6</sub>

*Two adjacent groups*

may be taken together with either  $R_5$  or  $R_7$  and linked with an -alkylene- or -X-alkylene- group;

$R_{13}$  is R,  $R_{17}$ -X- $R_{16}$ -,  $R_{17}$ -S(O)-,  $R_{17}$ -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>, or D-glucuronidate;

$R_{16}$  is -alkylene-, -cycloalkylene-, -alkylene-X-alkylene-, -alkylene-X-cycloalkylene-, -cycloalkylene-X-alkylene-, or -cycloalkylene-X-cycloalkylene-;

$R_{17}$  is alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyl-X-alkylene-, cycloalkenyl-X-alkylene-, or perfluoroalkyl;

R is, independently, hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, monofluoroalkyl, perfluoroalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, hydroxy-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, formyl, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, -C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, alkylaminoalkyl, or dialkylaminoalkyl; or when an atom contains two R groups, the R groups may be taken together linked with an -alkylene- group;

X is O, -NR-, -S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, -C(O)-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -NRC(O)-, or -C(O)NR-;

m is 0, 1, or 2;

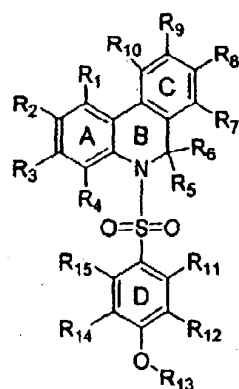
p is 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, or 14;

$R_{21}$ ,  $R_{22}$ ,  $R_{23}$ ,  $R_{24}$ ,  $R_{27}$ ,  $R_{28}$ ,  $R_{29}$ ,  $R_{30}$ ,  $R_{31}$ ,  $R_{33}$ ,  $R_{34}$ , and  $R_{35}$  are, independently, hydrogen,  $R_{17}$ , monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl- $R_{16}$ -, heteroaryl- $R_{16}$ -, hydroxyalkyl, HO- $R_{16}$ -,  $R_{17}$ -Y- $R_{16}$ -, HS- $R_{16}$ -,  $R_{17}$ -S(O)-,  $R_{17}$ -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-,  $R_{17}$ -SO<sub>3</sub>-,  $R_{17}$ -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR-, -N(R)<sub>2</sub>, -NR-C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, cyano, nitro, halogen, -OR, -SR, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>, -C(O)R, -C(R)=N-OR, -C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, -CO<sub>2</sub>R, -OC(O)R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or are taken together with either  $R_{q+1}$  or  $R_{q-1}$  linked with an -alkylene-, or -Y-alkylene- group;

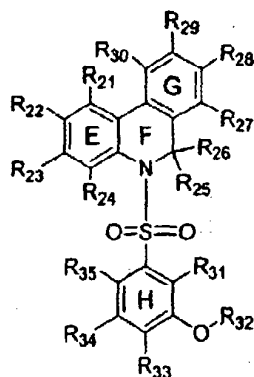
$R_{25}$  is hydrogen,  $R_{17}$ , monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl- $R_{16}$ -, heteroaryl- $R_{16}$ -, hydroxyalkyl, HO- $R_{16}$ -,  $R_{17}$ -Y- $R_{16}$ -, HS- $R_{16}$ -, -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or  $R_{25}$  may be taken together with either  $R_{26}$  or  $R_{27}$  and linked with an -alkylene- or -Y-alkylene- group;

$R_{26}$  is hydrogen,  $R_{17}$ , monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl- $R_{16}$ -, heteroaryl- $R_{16}$ -, hydroxyalkyl, HO- $R_{16}$ -,  $R_{17}$ -Y- $R_{16}$ -, HS- $R_{16}$ -, -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or  $R_{26}$  may be taken together with either  $R_{25}$  or  $R_{27}$  and linked with an -alkylene- or -Y-alkylene- group;

$R_{32}$  is R,  $R_{17}$ -Y- $R_{16}$ -,  $R_{17}$ -S(O)-,  $R_{17}$ -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>, or D-glucuronidate;



(I)



(II)

wherein

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub>, R<sub>10</sub>, R<sub>11</sub>, R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, and R<sub>15</sub> are each, independently, hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR-, -N(R)<sub>2</sub>-, -NR-C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, cyano, nitro, halogen, -OR, -SR, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>-, -C(O)R, -C(R)=N-OR, -C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, -CO<sub>2</sub>R, -OC(O)R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or are taken together with either *an adjacent* R<sub>p+1</sub> or R<sub>p-1</sub> linked with an -alkylene-, or -X-alkylene- group;

R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or R<sub>5</sub> may be taken together with either R<sub>6</sub> or R<sub>7</sub> and linked with an -alkylene- or -X-alkylene- group;

R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or R<sub>6</sub> may be taken together with either R<sub>5</sub> or R<sub>7</sub> and linked with an -alkylene- or -X-alkylene- group;

R<sub>13</sub> is R, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>, or D-glucuronidate;

R<sub>16</sub> is -alkylene-, -cycloalkylene-, -alkylene-X-alkylene-, -alkylene-X-cycloalkylene-, -cycloalkylene-X-alkylene-, or -cycloalkylene-X-cycloalkylene-;

R<sub>17</sub> is alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyl-X-alkylene-, cycloalkenyl-X-alkylene-, or perfluoroalkyl;

R is, independently, hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, monofluoroalkyl, perfluoroalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, hydroxy-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, formyl, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, -C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, alkylaminoalkyl, or dialkylaminoalkyl; or when an atom contains two R groups, the R groups may be taken together linked with an -alkylene- group;

X is O, -NR-, -S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, -C(O)-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -NRC(O)-, or -C(O)NR-;

m is 0, 1, or 2;

p is 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, or 14;

R<sub>21</sub>, R<sub>22</sub>, R<sub>23</sub>, R<sub>24</sub>, R<sub>27</sub>, R<sub>28</sub>, R<sub>29</sub>, R<sub>30</sub>, R<sub>31</sub>, R<sub>33</sub>, R<sub>34</sub>, and R<sub>35</sub> are, independently, hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>; monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-Y-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR-, -N(R)<sub>2</sub>-, -NR-C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, cyano, nitro, halogen, -OR, -SR, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>-, -C(O)R, -C(R)=N-OR, -C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, -CO<sub>2</sub>R, -OC(O)R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or are taken together with either R<sub>q+1</sub> or R<sub>q-1</sub> linked with an -alkylene- or -Y-alkylene- group;

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R<sub>25</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-Y-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or R<sub>25</sub> may be taken together with either R<sub>26</sub> or R<sub>27</sub> and linked with an -alkylene- or -Y-alkylene- group;

R<sub>26</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-Y-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or R<sub>26</sub> may be taken together with either R<sub>25</sub> or R<sub>27</sub> and linked with an -alkylene- or -Y-alkylene- group;

R<sub>32</sub> is R, R<sub>17</sub>-Y-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>, or D-glucuronidate;

Y is O, -NR-, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>-, -C(O)-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -NRC(O)-, or -C(O)NR-;

n is 0, 1, or 2;

q is 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, or 34;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. (currently amended) A method of treating or ~~inhibiting~~ chronic inflammatory disease in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

*claim 10 wherein the said disease is*

11. (currently amended) A method of ~~treating or inhibiting~~ rheumatoid arthritis, spondyloarthropathies, osteoarthritis, psoriatic arthritis, or juvenile arthritis in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

*claim 10 wherein the said disease is*

12. (currently amended) A method of ~~treating or inhibiting~~ inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, or indeterminate colitis in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

*claim 10 wherein the said disease is*

13. (currently amended) A method of ~~treating or inhibiting~~ psoriasis in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

*claim 10 wherein the said disease is*

14. (currently amended) A method of ~~treating or inhibiting~~ asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

15. (currently amended) A method of treating or ~~inhibiting~~ stroke, ischemia, or reperfusion injury in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

16. (currently amended) A method of lowering cholesterol, triglycerides, Lp(a), and LDL levels; ~~inhibiting or~~ treating hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipidemia, cardiovascular disease, atherosclerosis, acute coronary syndrome, peripheral vascular disease, restenosis, or vasospasm in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

17. (currently amended) A method of treating ~~or inhibiting~~ Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, or senile dementia in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

18. (currently amended) A method of treating ~~or inhibiting~~ type II diabetes in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

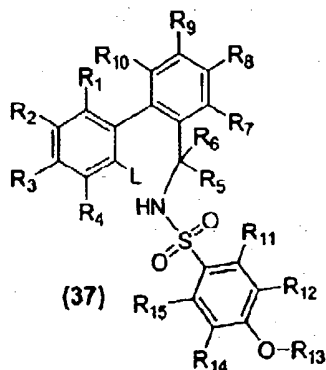
*claim 1 wherein the said disease is*

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19. (currently amended) A method of ~~treating or inhibiting~~ sepsis in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

20. (new) The compound according to claim 2, wherein  $R_{13}$  is  $-S(O)_2NH_2$ , or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. (new) The compound according to claim 5, wherein  $R_{32}$  is  $-S(O)_2NH_2$ , or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. (new) A process comprising providing a sulfonamide of formula 37:



wherein

$R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_7, R_8, R_9, R_{10}, R_{11}, R_{12}, R_{14},$  and  $R_{15}$  are each, independently, hydrogen,  $R_{17}$ , monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl- $R_{16}$ , heteroaryl- $R_{16}$ , hydroxyalkyl,

HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR-,  
 -N(R)<sub>2</sub>, -NR-C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, cyano, nitro, halogen, -OR, -SR, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>,  
 -C(O)R, -C(R)=N-OR, -C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, -CO<sub>2</sub>R, -OC(O)R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or are taken  
 together with either <sup>an adjacent</sup> R<sub>p+1</sub> or R<sub>p-1</sub> linked with an -alkylene-, or -X-alkylene- group;

*Ex 7* R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-,  
 hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or R<sub>5</sub>  
 may be taken together with either R<sub>6</sub> or R<sub>7</sub> and linked with an -alkylene- or  
 -X-alkylene- group;

R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-,  
 hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or R<sub>6</sub>  
 may be taken together with either R<sub>5</sub> or R<sub>7</sub> and linked with an -alkylene- or  
 -X-alkylene- group;

R<sub>13</sub> is R, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>, or D-glucuronidate;

R<sub>16</sub> is -alkylene-, -cycloalkylene-, -alkylene-X-alkylene-, -alkylene-X-cycloalkylene-,  
 -cycloalkylene-X-alkylene-, or -cycloalkylene-X-cycloalkylene-;

R<sub>17</sub> is alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyl-X-alkylene-,  
 cycloalkenyl-X-alkylene-, or perfluoroalkyl;

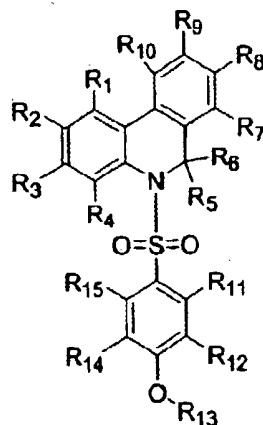
R is, independently, hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl,  
 monofluoroalkyl, perfluoroalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl,  
 hydroxy-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, formyl, acyl, alkoxy-carbonyl,  
 -C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, alkylaminoalkyl, or  
 dialkylaminoalkyl; or when an atom contains two R groups, the R groups may be  
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X is O, -NR-, -S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, -C(O)-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -NRC(O)-, or -C(O)NR-;

m is 0, 1, or 2; and

p is 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, or 14; and

treating the sulfonamide of formula 37 with potassium carbonate to produce a  
 phenanthridine of formula I:



(I)

wherein

*Ex. A*  
<sup>adjacent</sup>  
 R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub>, R<sub>10</sub>, R<sub>11</sub>, R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, and R<sub>15</sub> are each, independently, hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR-, -N(R)<sub>2</sub>-, -NR-C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, cyano, nitro, halogen, -OR, -SR, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>-, -C(O)R, -C(R)=N-OR, -C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, -CO<sub>2</sub>R, -OC(O)R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or are taken together with either R<sub>p+1</sub> or R<sub>p-1</sub> linked with an -alkylene-, or -X-alkylene- group;

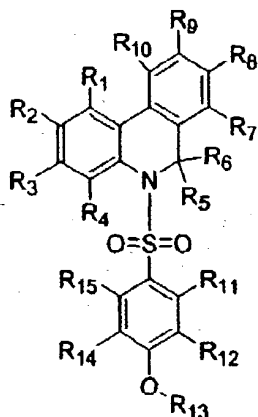
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R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or R<sub>6</sub> may be taken together with either R<sub>5</sub> or R<sub>7</sub> and linked with an -alkylene- or -X-alkylene- group;

R<sub>13</sub> is R, R<sub>17</sub>-X-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>, or D-glucuronidate;

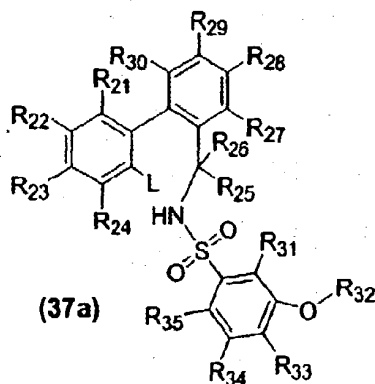
R<sub>16</sub> is -alkylene-, -cycloalkylene-, -alkylene-X-alkylene-, -alkylene-X-cycloalkylene-, -cycloalkylene-X-alkylene-, or -cycloalkylene-X-cycloalkylene-;





(I)

28. (new) A process comprising providing a sulfonamide of formula 37a:



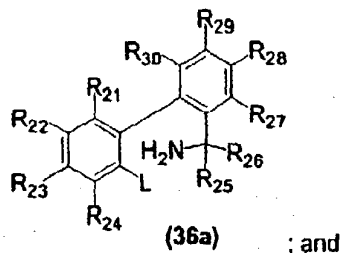
(37a)

wherein

*Ex A*  
 $R_{21}$ ,  $R_{22}$ ,  $R_{23}$ ,  $R_{24}$ ,  $R_{27}$ ,  $R_{28}$ ,  $R_{29}$ ,  $R_{30}$ ,  $R_{31}$ ,  $R_{33}$ ,  $R_{34}$ , and  $R_{35}$  are, independently, hydrogen,  $R_{17}$ , monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl- $R_{16}$ , heteroaryl- $R_{16}$ , hydroxyalkyl, HO- $R_{16}$ ,  $R_{17}$ -Y- $R_{16}$ , HS- $R_{16}$ ,  $R_{17}$ -S(O)-,  $R_{17}$ -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-,  $R_{17}$ -SO<sub>3</sub>-,  $R_{17}$ -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR-, -N(R)<sub>2</sub>, -NR-C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, cyano, nitro, halogen, -OR, -SR, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>, -C(O)R, -C(R)=N-OR, -C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, -CO<sub>2</sub>R, -OC(O)R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or are taken together with either  $R_{q+1}$  or  $R_{q-1}$  linked with an -alkylene-, or -Y-alkylene- group;

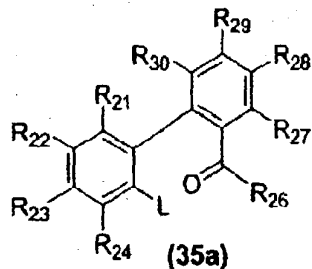
$R_{25}$  is hydrogen,  $R_{17}$ , monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl- $R_{16}$ , heteroaryl- $R_{16}$ , hydroxyalkyl, HO- $R_{16}$ ,  $R_{17}$ -Y- $R_{16}$ , HS- $R_{16}$ , -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or  $R_{25}$

30. (new) The process of claim 29 further comprising providing a biphenylamine of formula 36a:



separating the biphenylamine of formula 36a into its respective enantiomers.

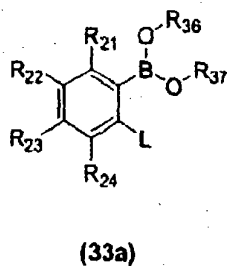
31. (new) The process of claim 30 further comprising providing a compound of formula 35a:



reacting the compound of formula 35a with an ammonium source optionally in the presence of an acid catalyst to produce an intermediate imine; and

reducing the intermediate imine with a hydride source to produce a biphenylamine of formula 36a.

32. (new) The process of claim 31 further comprising providing a compound of formula 33a:



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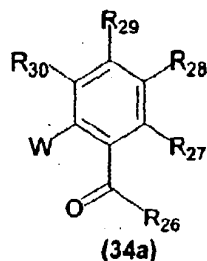
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wherein

$R_{36}$  and  $R_{37}$  are, independently, hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_4)$  lower straight chain or  $(C_3-C_6)$  branched chain alkyl, or  $R_{36}$  and  $R_{37}$  are taken together to form a pinacol moiety; and  
reacting the compound of formula 33a in the presence of a coupling catalyst with a compound of formula 34a:



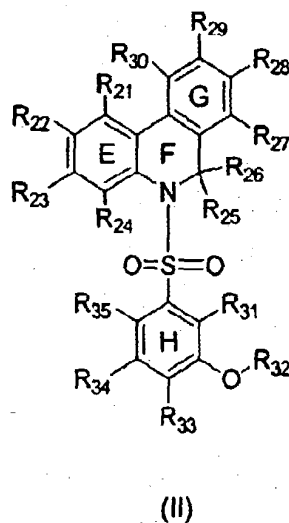
wherein

$W$  is a chlorine, bromine, or iodine atom, or a triflate ( $-OSO_2CF_3$ ) moiety;

to produce a compound of formula 35.

35a

33. (new) A process for preparing a compound of formula II:



wherein

R<sub>21</sub>, R<sub>22</sub>, R<sub>23</sub>, R<sub>24</sub>, R<sub>27</sub>, R<sub>28</sub>, R<sub>29</sub>, R<sub>30</sub>, R<sub>31</sub>, R<sub>33</sub>, R<sub>34</sub>, and R<sub>35</sub> are, independently, hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-Y-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR-, -N(R)<sub>2</sub>, -NR-C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, cyano, nitro, halogen, -OR, -SR, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>, -C(O)R, -C(R)=N-OR, <sup>aradacent</sup>-C(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NR, -CO<sub>2</sub>R, -OC(O)R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or are taken together with either R<sub>q+1</sub> or R<sub>q-1</sub> linked with an -alkylene-, or -Y-alkylene- group;

*EXA*  
R<sub>25</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-Y-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or R<sub>25</sub> may be taken together with either R<sub>26</sub> or R<sub>27</sub> and linked with an -alkylene- or -Y-alkylene- group;

R<sub>26</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>17</sub>, monofluoroalkyl, monofluoroalkenyl, aryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, heteroaryl-R<sub>16</sub>-, hydroxyalkyl, HO-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-Y-R<sub>16</sub>-, HS-R<sub>16</sub>-, -CR(O), -CO<sub>2</sub>R, or -C(O)N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or R<sub>26</sub> may be taken together with either R<sub>25</sub> or R<sub>27</sub> and linked with an -alkylene- or -Y-alkylene- group;

R<sub>32</sub> is R, R<sub>17</sub>-Y-R<sub>16</sub>-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)-, R<sub>17</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -SO<sub>3</sub>R, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R)<sub>2</sub>, or D-glucuronidate;

R<sub>16</sub> is -alkylene-, -cycloalkylene-, -alkylene-X-alkylene-, -alkylene-X-cycloalkylene-, -cycloalkylene-X-alkylene-, or -cycloalkylene-X-cycloalkylene-;

R<sub>17</sub> is alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyl-X-alkylene-, cycloalkenyl-X-alkylene-, or perfluoroalkyl;

R is, independently, hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, monofluoroalkyl, perfluoroalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, hydroxy-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, formyl, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, -C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, -alkylaminoalkyl, or dialkylaminoalkyl; or when an atom contains two R groups, the R groups may be taken together linked with an -alkylene- group;

Y is O, -NR-, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>-, -C(O)-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -NRC(O)-, or -C(O)NR-;

n is 0, 1, or 2;

q is 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, or 34;

comprising

- reacting a compound of formula 33a: